

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1514
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1514, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist the local
coffee industry in mitigating the effects of the coffee berry
borer.

Specifically, the measure appropriates funds for:

- (1) Education and mitigation activities to combat the coffee
berry borer; and
- (2) A pesticide subsidy program to assist coffee growers
with offsetting the cost of purchasing pesticides
containing *Beauveria bassiana*.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the University of Hawaii College of Tropical
Agriculture and Human Resources, the Department of Agriculture,
the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Hawaii Farm
Bureau Federation, the Edmund C. Olson Trust II, the Hawaii
Farmers Union United, the Hawaii Coffee Association, Hale Kai Lana
Inc., the Hawaii Coffee Growers Association, the Kona Coffee
Council, the Royal Kona Coffee Visitor Center Mill and Museum,



Greenwell Farms Inc., the Kauai Coffee Company, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species are a primary threat to Hawaii's agriculture and economy. The coffee berry borer poses a significant problem for coffee farmers in Hawaii, and the additional funds will help the Department of Agriculture in its efforts to contain the infestation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the pesticide use revolving fund to receive and expend appropriations for the pesticide subsidy program;
- (2) Redirecting the deposit of the general fund appropriation to the pesticide use revolving fund and to appropriate funds from the revolving fund for the pesticide subsidy program; and
- (3) Protecting the revolving fund expenditures for the pesticide subsidy program from a 2015 repeal and reenactment that affects the revolving fund.

Your Committee has deposited the infusion of general funds into the pesticide use revolving fund to protect the infused funds from lapsing on June 30, 2015. Your Committee feels that, since the pesticide subsidy pilot project is for a five-year period, the infused funds should be available for the entire pilot project period.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

David Y. Ige

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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